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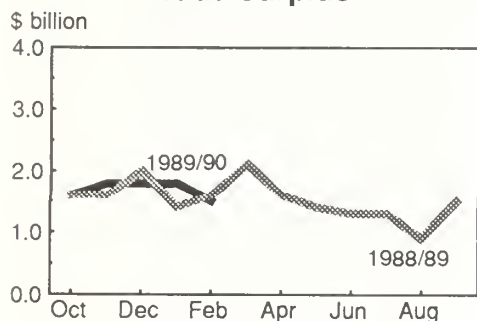
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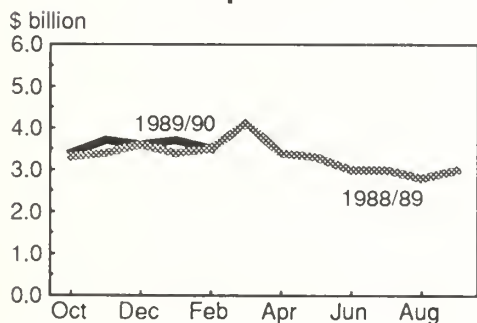
Trade Surplus



February Trade Surplus Down 14 Percent

The February agricultural trade surplus fell \$234 million from the previous month to \$1.5 billion. Exports decreased 7 percent to \$3.5 billion, while imports fell only 1 percent to \$2.0 billion. The cumulative trade surplus for October 1989-February 1990 totaled \$8.4 billion, 4 percent ahead of the same period a year ago.

Exports



Exports Fall in February

U.S. agricultural exports fell to \$3.5 billion in February, \$255 million below the previous month. Decreases in corn, sorghum, rice, fruits and vegetables, cattle hides, cotton, and seeds more than offset increases in wheat, dairy products (butter), and meat. October-February exports totaled \$17.9 billion, 5 percent ahead of the same period a year ago.

Corn exports fell sharply to 4.7 million tons valued at \$528 million. Shipments to the Soviet Union of 866,000 tons fell below 1 million tons for the first time since last October. Nonetheless, shipments to the Soviet Union to date total 10.1 million tons. During February, Japan was the largest market followed by the USSR, Korea, Mexico, and Taiwan. Eastern Europe also continued to purchase considerable amounts of U.S. corn. The export unit value remained at \$113 a ton.

Soybean exports remained at 2 million tons valued at \$457 million. The EC took over 1 million tons, followed by Japan, Taiwan, and Eastern Europe. Soybean export unit value fell about \$3.00 per ton to \$224. Soybean meal exports edged lower at 508,000 tons, highlighted by Soviet purchases of 264,000 tons.

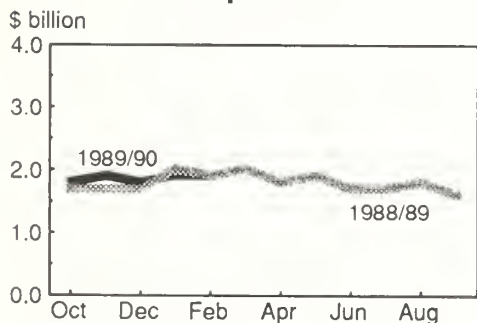
Wheat exports jumped 12 percent to almost 2.4 million tons (\$385 million) in February, the highest monthly total since October. The Soviet Union took 786,000 tons, making it the primary market in February. Exports to China fell to 269,000 tons. Other major markets during February were Japan, Jordan, and Mexico.

Cotton exports totaled 173,000 tons in February, down 18,000 tons from January. Prices fell 4 percent. The major U.S. cotton markets were the EC, Japan, Korea, and China. Export unit values averaged \$1,622 per ton, slightly below those in January.

Agricultural Imports Edge Lower

U.S. agricultural imports of \$2.0 billion were slightly below the previous month. Shipments of winter fresh vegetables remained high in February. In particular, tomatoes and peppers are being imported at a record pace. Coffee imports were up 6 percent to \$187 million. Coffee prices began to rise in February after relative stability since last October. Sugar imports rose 74 percent in value from the previous month. (Steve Milmoie, 202-786-1822)

Imports



Export's Share of Production Higher in Fiscal 1989

More than 18 percent of U.S. agricultural production was exported in fiscal 1989, up from 16 percent the previous year, and the highest total in 5 years. The 1988 drought and enhanced foreign demand for feed grains in 1989 played important roles in the increased export share (see table 4).

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-February				February			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	17,085,335	17,865,845	--	--	3,468,658	3,502,980
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	2,744,353	2,660,982	--	--	513,402	518,848
Animals live - excl poultry (NA)	--	--	291,965	202,197	--	--	34,686	18,574
Cattle and calves - live (NO)	170	54	100,503	39,862	22	9	12,758	6,345
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	14	27	148,851	139,327	3	7	16,567	7,322
Swine - live (NO)	155	39	16,694	5,088	22	11	2,198	906
Sheep and lambs, live (NO)	117	158	4,630	4,979	19	27	823	988
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	21,287	12,941	--	--	2,341	3,013
Meats and meat products (MT)	315	380	920,891	970,327	59	66	170,718	196,620
Beef and veal (MT)	112	157	535,601	567,013	23	26	104,707	117,680
Beef and veal - fresh or froz (MT)	110	153	526,366	554,308	23	25	103,315	115,317
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	2	4	9,235	12,705	1	1	1,393	2,362
Horsemeat-fresh, chill, froz (MT)	22	22	47,889	57,071	4	4	8,721	10,621
Pork (MT)	33	44	121,211	155,140	6	7	22,191	26,521
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	28	37	108,014	140,015	5	6	20,208	24,314
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	5	6	13,197	15,125	1	1	1,983	2,207
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	131	102	191,523	148,121	19	20	28,683	31,187
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	16	54	24,666	42,983	7	10	6,417	10,611
Poultry and poultry products (NA)	--	--	298,329	328,550	--	--	54,623	76,507
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	29,519	35,711	--	--	5,434	8,194
Baby chicks (NO)	14,691	13,958	26,316	29,737	2,493	2,997	4,925	6,672
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	3,203	5,974	--	--	509	1,522
Poultry meats (MT)	179	231	206,593	240,930	37	53	38,618	57,762
Chickens - fresh or froz (MT)	162	210	182,601	205,271	34	49	34,054	48,329
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	7	8	9,123	11,572	1	2	1,477	2,384
Other poultry - fresh or froz (MT)	5	6	6,983	6,162	1	1	1,233	963
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	4	7	7,885	17,925	1	2	1,853	6,086
Feathers and downs, crude (MT)	1	1	11,411	12,006	0	0	3,183	3,887
Eggs (NA)	--	--	50,806	39,903	--	--	7,388	6,665
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	199,287	124,662	--	--	33,128	30,591
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	4	2	5,985	1,010	2	0	4,628	225
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	42	9	60,761	12,681	3	2	5,326	2,670
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	2	17	3,136	27,839	1	8	931	13,469
Cheese (MT)	8	4	15,948	10,748	1	1	2,274	2,079
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	21,005	13,353	--	--	4,571	3,451
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	92,453	59,031	--	--	15,398	8,697
Fats, oils, and greases (MT)	593	540	237,461	196,425	128	84	49,092	31,516
Lard (MT)	26	19	12,958	8,882	4	4	1,967	1,806
Tallow - inedible (MT)	491	426	187,817	148,820	110	63	41,249	22,848
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	76	94	36,686	38,722	14	18	5,877	6,861
Hides and skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	681,198	724,637	--	--	146,898	143,685
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	9,976	10,629	540,036	556,606	2,017	1,931	103,694	105,445
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	12,405	16,419	--	--	3,067	2,254
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	66,566	85,107	--	--	12,445	16,236
Furskins (NA)	--	--	62,190	66,504	--	--	27,692	19,750
Mink pelts (NO)	1,179	1,609	39,405	42,533	633	688	20,550	15,314
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	22,786	23,971	--	--	7,142	4,436
Wool and mohair (MT)	3	4	17,393	18,912	1	0	3,902	2,880
Sausage casings (MT)	5	5	12,204	15,024	1	1	2,601	2,655
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	22,058	25,334	--	--	3,484	4,017
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	63,568	54,914	--	--	14,269	11,802
Grains and feeds (MT)	46,026	51,176	6,712,601	7,025,718	9,540	9,080	1,405,243	1,276,124
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	14,410	11,041	2,261,891	1,792,079	3,457	2,386	553,339	384,722
Wheat flour (MT)	547	430	103,710	99,505	120	61	27,581	14,613
Bulgar wheat (MT)	32	11	7,649	1,735	0	1	28	197
Other wheat products (MT)	4	7	4,116	6,055	1	1	674	1,262
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	1,245	1,255	380,564	413,308	212	202	63,436	68,131
Feed grains and products (MT)	24,959	33,484	3,069,845	3,767,362	4,822	5,549	586,677	633,591
Feed grains (MT)	24,815	33,324	3,025,829	3,716,354	4,771	5,517	575,268	625,215
Barley (MT)	417	701	51,301	85,933	2	150	286	18,779
Corn (MT)	21,045	29,173	2,591,736	3,250,549	3,915	4,656	477,212	527,826
Grain sorghums (MT)	3,305	3,444	377,308	379,215	835	710	95,438	78,503
Oats (MT)	5	4	571	563	1	1	119	73
Rye (MT)	43	1	4,912	93	20	0	2,214	33
Feed grain products (MT)	144	160	44,016	51,008	50	32	11,409	8,376
Popcorn (MT)	23	32	13,476	18,186	3	6	1,731	3,509
Blended food products (MT)	85	61	27,183	18,704	21	8	6,456	2,586
Other grain products (MT)	123	239	83,104	145,145	28	43	18,241	31,697
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	4,598	4,617	761,063	763,639	875	823	147,080	135,818
Corn by-products (MT)	2,376	2,231	352,893	322,973	372	385	54,003	56,078
Alfalfa meal and cubes (MT)	215	235	32,059	35,476	30	42	4,742	6,763
Beet pulp (MT)	330	245	42,393	30,007	87	49	11,156	5,636
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	297	215	34,667	23,358	101	65	11,470	7,247
Other feeds and fodders (MT)	1,380	1,692	299,051	351,825	285	282	65,709	60,095
Fruits and preps, excl juices (MT)	832	864	588,333	640,004	175	164	113,272	116,423
Fruits - fresh (MT)	698	721	411,889	440,764	153	141	83,966	83,390
Fruits - fresh citrus (MT)	394	361	209,970	212,188	117	94	60,226	51,487
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	203	151	97,521	81,197	70	40	34,324	22,307
Lemons and limes - fresh (MT)	61	53	40,234	40,823	10	8	5,403	5,353
Oranges and tangerines-fresh (MT)	127	156	70,488	89,780	36	45	20,466	23,738
Fruits - fresh noncitrus (MT)	305	360	201,919	228,576	36	47	23,740	31,903
Apples - fresh (MT)	164	201	82,041	96,635	19	27	10,483	13,983
Grapes - fresh (MT)	65	59	59,606	59,066	4	2	3,209	1,763
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	76	100	60,271	72,875	13	19	10,048	16,158
Fruits - dried (MT)	73	82	115,206	132,221	11	13	18,308	21,591
Raisins - dried (MT)	40	42	62,246	67,693	7	7	9,957	10,476
Prunes - dried (MT)	28	36	44,270	56,096	4	6	7,147	9,584
Other dried fruits (MT)	4	4	8,690	8,433	1	1	1,204	1,530

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Commodity group and unit	October-February				February			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Fruits, canned, excl juice (MT)	32	30	33,163	31,325	5	5	4,954	4,977
Fruits - frozen, excl juice (MT)	11	11	9,968	11,277	1	1	1,215	1,662
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	17	19	18,108	24,418	5	4	4,830	4,804
Fruit juices, incl frozen (HL)	1,656	2,061	84,176	113,857	330	455	17,925	28,567
Orange juice (HL)	786	1,184	41,213	59,902	155	270	7,685	14,596
Other fruit juices (HL)	870	876	42,963	53,956	175	185	10,240	13,971
Wine (HL)	104	277	28,745	36,140	52	53	6,416	6,823
Nuts and preparations (MT)	244	284	446,127	441,122	31	44	57,218	70,487
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	80	68	246,285	218,586	12	14	36,801	45,841
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	97	147	78,607	87,469	16	26	12,250	14,725
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	57	57	85,355	100,698	2	1	3,618	3,697
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	1	2	4,128	6,418	0	1	507	1,964
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	10	10	31,751	27,952	1	2	4,042	4,260
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	624,598	822,910	--	--	118,280	172,248
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	282	356	128,156	182,430	58	94	28,753	54,607
Celery - fresh (MT)	27	37	8,602	14,240	6	11	1,793	4,346
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	13	21	7,380	12,734	4	5	2,449	3,916
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	75	76	23,742	32,287	17	16	5,149	7,967
Onions - fresh (MT)	60	61	16,342	17,061	6	12	1,599	4,018
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	21	23	8,193	8,672	7	7	2,867	2,683
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	28	30	18,662	23,567	7	6	4,909	5,430
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	59	107	45,237	73,869	10	37	9,986	26,247
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	107	121	79,656	93,872	21	22	15,448	17,542
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	23	24	17,648	19,298	4	4	3,273	3,237
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	62	71	41,997	50,057	13	13	8,537	10,005
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	23	26	20,011	24,517	4	5	3,638	4,300
Vegetables - canned (MT)	85	85	73,464	76,069	9	16	8,375	13,767
Pulses (MT)	233	312	124,279	174,938	39	52	19,060	30,908
Dried beans (MT)	163	227	97,999	144,814	24	38	14,345	26,749
Dried peas (MT)	54	64	17,887	19,678	12	11	3,590	2,542
Dried lentils (MT)	16	21	8,394	10,446	2	3	1,125	1,617
Hops, incl hop extract (MT)	5	6	31,499	39,078	1	1	5,904	3,858
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	187,544	256,522	--	--	40,739	51,567
Oilseeds and products (MT)	11,417	12,912	3,596,751	3,179,245	2,192	2,704	681,816	660,716
Oilcake and meal (MT)	2,424	2,145	689,250	474,834	489	513	135,570	113,170
Soybean meal (MT)	2,366	2,116	678,151	469,290	483	508	134,187	112,116
Other oilcake and meal (MT)	58	29	11,099	5,543	6	5	1,383	1,054
Oilseeds (MT)	8,431	10,234	2,559,364	2,392,583	1,585	2,078	477,533	482,046
Soybeans (MT)	8,249	10,004	2,443,423	2,255,427	1,529	2,039	451,763	457,388
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	41	53	22,322	27,362	4	10	1,902	5,037
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	34	37	28,400	26,346	4	6	3,181	4,508
Other oilseeds (MT)	78	111	24,731	31,734	44	18	14,026	5,569
Protein substances (MT)	29	29	40,487	51,713	4	5	6,661	9,543
Vegetable oils (MT)	561	534	348,138	311,829	118	114	68,713	65,500
Soybean oil (MT)	272	247	152,916	119,812	30	62	16,002	30,976
Cottonseed oil (MT)	63	81	32,195	36,598	19	17	9,753	7,114
Sunflower oil (MT)	88	69	45,923	36,005	42	13	20,258	6,972
Corn oil (MT)	68	69	42,220	42,501	15	10	9,090	6,086
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	70	67	74,883	76,913	12	12	13,611	14,353
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	108	114	655,181	680,574	26	24	145,017	145,835
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	13	11	81,518	71,085	5	5	32,223	29,133
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	72	79	478,294	512,976	13	14	83,069	98,480
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	23	24	95,368	96,512	8	5	29,726	18,223
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	549	740	761,370	1,211,155	161	173	218,604	280,651
Cotton linters (MT)	24	20	9,000	8,040	5	5	1,952	1,979
Essential oils (MT)	5	6	69,473	78,623	1	1	14,153	18,126
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	190	246	251,553	317,144	41	56	54,971	68,843
Sugar and tropical products (MT)	400	1,123	327,723	342,252	139	325	64,746	68,713
Sugar and related prods (MT)	340	1,010	103,902	151,962	124	260	25,662	32,859
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	135	200	49,856	80,275	36	45	12,965	18,486
Related sugar prods (MT)	205	810	54,046	71,687	88	216	12,697	14,373
Coffee (MT)	7	8	38,677	46,470	1	1	6,833	7,585
Cocoa (MT)	3	60	8,645	18,187	1	55	2,453	5,088
Chocolate and preparations (MT)	21	27	71,911	81,752	5	4	13,469	13,606
Tea and mate' (MT)	1	4	7,846	15,681	1	1	2,530	3,462
Spices (MT)	4	4	11,502	11,953	1	1	2,177	3,262
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	17	9	29,880	14,972	6	1	11,333	2,740
Other misc veg prods (MT)	18	14	85,864	107,841	9	3	18,295	18,345
Nursery and greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	39,537	61,740	--	--	11,474	17,893
Beverages, excl juices (NA)	--	--	59,949	138,498	--	--	25,873	32,359
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	4,126,605	4,657,903	--	--	928,180	959,848
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	1,050,202	948,923	--	--	205,684	160,940
Fish and shellfish (MT)	235	230	681,318	703,436	49	63	196,125	190,812
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	104	152	333,363	336,770	24	34	79,140	73,059
Shellfish (MT)	43	45	248,517	264,223	19	12	96,235	69,769
Other fish products (MT)	88	33	99,438	102,443	6	18	20,750	47,984
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	114	92	614,786	534,011	25	24	101,320	128,394
Fungicides (MT)	12	10	71,959	79,135	2	2	7,125	17,205
Herbicides (MT)	61	43	331,822	256,208	13	12	56,452	68,319
Insecticides (MT)	24	23	132,980	82,983	5	6	16,363	19,432
Other pesticides (MT)	16	16	78,025	115,684	5	4	21,380	23,438
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	497,374	803,132	--	--	133,108	183,696
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	22	14	184,565	262,739	2	4	34,762	53,723
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	312,809	540,393	--	--	98,347	129,973
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	1,282,925	1,668,401	--	--	291,942	296,007

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-February				February			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	8,959,740	9,427,337	--	--	1,861,881	1,990,527
Noncompetitive agr. imports (NA)	--	--	2,570,906	2,294,241	--	--	490,191	440,521
Bananas and plantains (MT)	1,242	1,289	348,923	370,466	247	218	71,851	64,505
Coffee, including products (MT)	404	590	989,297	886,784	82	123	203,260	186,948
Cocoa and products (MT)	234	251	409,489	381,167	46	53	81,039	73,963
Tea and mate ^a (MT)	35	38	51,482	62,515	7	7	10,321	11,729
Spices (MT)	43	41	113,089	93,591	8	7	20,048	12,656
Rubber & allied gums-crude (MT)	377	345	459,040	296,805	52	59	61,860	52,489
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	3,960	5,917	0	0	1,532	458
Wool, unmanufactured-carpet (MT)	6	6	20,469	19,300	2	1	5,684	2,670
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	26	37	13,592	17,220	9	8	4,516	3,204
Essential oils (MT)	7	10	60,708	57,977	1	2	11,797	11,164
Drugs - crude - natural (MT)	25	25	95,653	102,232	4	3	18,282	20,735
Competitive agr. imports (NA)	--	--	6,388,834	7,133,096	--	--	1,371,690	1,550,006
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	2,103,846	2,295,228	--	--	428,394	450,458
Animals-live, excl. poultry (NO)	1,168	1,354	356,697	453,585	288	281	83,566	95,817
Cattle - live (NO)	594	893	272,280	378,928	182	188	70,532	81,528
Horses and mules - live (NO)	4	6	32,640	31,306	1	1	3,506	5,477
Swine - live (NO)	535	440	48,921	42,005	103	91	9,373	8,653
Sheep - live (NO)	8	13	719	934	2	2	141	119
Other live animals (NO)	27	2	2,138	411	0	0	14	39
Meats and prods exc. poultry (MT)	452	453	991,762	1,139,047	86	90	191,085	228,523
Beef and veal (MT)	266	306	593,275	771,875	52	62	119,836	157,426
Beef & veal-fresh/frozen (MT)	237	272	516,953	673,388	46	55	103,410	140,494
Beef & veal-prep or pres (MT)	29	34	76,322	98,487	6	6	16,426	16,933
Pork (MT)	165	125	343,451	313,876	29	25	60,399	63,038
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	104	80	167,726	154,829	19	16	30,554	31,482
Pork-prepared, preservd (MT)	61	45	175,726	159,046	10	9	29,845	31,556
Mutton, goat, & lamb (MT)	7	8	15,648	16,629	1	1	2,780	2,965
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	7	8	14,932	16,629	1	1	2,780	2,965
Variety meats-fresh/froz (MT)	5	4	7,215	7,106	1	1	2,224	882
Other meats-fresh or froz(MT)	2	1	13,801	6,454	0	0	2,571	424
Other meats & products (MT)	7	8	18,363	23,060	1	1	3,275	3,788
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	48,187	58,695	--	--	9,928	9,509
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	4,358	7,255	--	--	1,162	1,311
Poultry meat (MT)	2	2	6,234	7,390	0	0	733	1,510
Eggs (NA)	--	--	7,648	9,729	--	--	1,790	2,170
Feathers & downs - crude (MT)	5	6	29,947	34,320	1	1	6,243	4,518
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	350,196	398,830	--	--	51,090	63,509
Milk & cream, fres/dried (MT)	7	7	7,569	7,207	2	2	2,334	2,138
Butter & butterfat mixt (MT)	1	1	1,877	2,550	0	0	193	146
Cheese (MT)	50	60	159,350	184,114	7	9	21,713	27,072
Casein & mixtures (MT)	25	38	113,004	179,652	5	6	22,947	28,922
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	68,397	25,308	--	--	3,904	5,232
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	7	6	6,362	5,623	1	1	729	930
Hides and skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	122,243	65,599	--	--	32,753	14,446
Sheep and lamb skins (MT)	2	3	16,565	16,431	1	1	4,319	4,690
Oth hides & skins ex fur (NA)	--	--	29,647	24,223	--	--	6,012	5,193
Fur pelts (NA)	--	--	76,032	24,944	--	--	22,421	4,563
Wool-unmfg, apparel grades (MT)	19	19	128,108	80,778	5	5	38,526	18,764
Sausage casings (MT)	7	5	27,313	19,983	1	1	4,246	3,596
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	1,667	1,115	--	--	203	255
Misc. animal products (NA)	--	--	71,311	71,973	--	--	16,268	15,109
Grains, products, and feeds (MT)	1,431	1,468	453,831	510,239	353	234	99,808	82,716
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	139	173	23,460	27,298	22	13	4,701	1,960
Corn, unmilled (MT)	5	19	457	1,959	1	1	88	102
Oats, unmilled (MT)	477	452	65,605	47,767	161	57	20,555	7,003
Barley, unmilled (MT)	104	109	17,603	18,045	35	30	6,040	5,066
Rice (MT)	46	52	22,330	27,935	11	13	5,211	6,278
Biscuits and wafers (MT)	61	72	132,606	156,599	11	11	22,039	21,470
Pasta and noodles (MT)	42	55	34,772	50,090	6	8	5,545	7,696
Other grains and preps (NA)	--	--	72,841	71,375	--	--	15,490	11,492
Feeds and fodders ex oilcake (MT)	446	426	84,157	109,172	79	83	20,139	21,648
Fruits and preparations (MT)	691	756	419,505	466,870	227	250	129,787	151,171
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	476	533	248,818	292,539	187	217	99,163	125,465
Strawberries fresh or frozen (MT)	14	15	13,934	16,200	5	6	4,204	5,533
Apples, fresh (MT)	30	28	11,297	8,932	5	5	1,685	1,515
Citrus, fresh (MT)	45	43	11,566	11,544	4	6	1,714	1,666
Grapes, fresh (MT)	118	158	89,029	126,675	70	96	50,112	71,447
Mangoes, fresh (MT)	2	2	874	1,586	0	1	219	1,152
Melons, fresh (MT)	143	146	38,281	37,101	55	49	13,977	13,011
Pineapples, fresh (MT)	37	41	16,265	17,516	12	7	5,254	2,976
Other fruits- fresh or frozen (MT)	88	100	67,571	72,985	35	47	22,000	28,165
Fruits - prepared or preserved (MT)	214	223	170,688	174,332	40	33	30,623	25,706
Pineapples-canned or prep (MT)	109	111	66,450	62,610	23	17	13,595	9,703
Other fruits-prep or pres (MT)	105	111	104,237	111,722	17	16	17,028	16,003
Orange juice (HL)	7,668	10,399	280,345	300,483	1,433	2,337	45,726	85,747
Other fruit juices (HL)	5,996	4,901	137,418	113,940	1,165	843	25,638	19,473
Nuts and preparations (MT)	60	67	144,270	155,868	11	9	27,995	20,465
Brazil nuts (MT)	2	3	6,947	7,080	0	0	1,066	465
Cashew nuts (MT)	18	21	86,300	85,773	4	4	19,869	13,462
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	8,253	9,716	0	0	9	21
Coconut meat (MT)	19	23	16,897	18,636	4	4	3,003	3,207
Filberts (MT)	2	0	5,303	329	0	0	256	47
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	1	8,067	7,268	0	0	911	825
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	1	801	5,494	0	0	57	297
Other nuts (MT)	14	13	11,701	21,571	2	1	2,824	2,140

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Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity - continued

Commodity and unit	October-February				February			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	822,636	1,130,652	--	--	237,995	336,739
Vegetables-fresh or frozen (MT)	860	1,003	435,241	703,899	261	277	149,786	249,156
Tomatoes (MT)	165	220	100,299	251,832	74	80	55,399	121,958
Asparagus (MT)	6	9	8,833	14,217	3	3	3,984	5,641
Beans (MT)	12	13	10,725	16,451	4	4	2,894	5,830
Carrots (MT)	32	38	7,324	7,361	3	5	841	1,356
Cucumbers (MT)	132	135	52,214	53,609	36	33	17,355	13,816
Eggplant (MT)	11	9	5,031	12,645	3	4	1,390	6,405
Garlic (MT)	2	6	2,577	6,562	1	2	1,538	2,363
Lettuce (MT)	16	10	6,059	3,595	7	2	2,621	861
Onions (MT)	57	62	33,243	32,013	21	17	7,967	7,112
Peas, including chickpeas (MT)	24	21	22,177	26,054	5	5	5,855	7,711
Peppers (MT)	68	79	42,938	92,617	22	26	13,662	32,786
Potatoes (MT)	116	132	29,312	34,937	25	29	6,223	8,071
Squash (MT)	45	54	20,520	31,850	13	15	6,579	7,963
Other vegg-fresh or froz (MT)	173	216	93,989	120,158	44	52	23,480	27,283
Vegetables-prep or preserv (NA)	--	--	387,395	426,753	--	--	88,209	87,582
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	30	31	56,845	63,029	6	5	11,805	10,781
Mushrooms canned (MT)	14	16	34,101	39,254	6	3	15,090	8,676
Hops, incl extract (MT)	3	6	12,057	26,067	2	2	6,508	11,506
Artichokes - prepared (MT)	3	6	5,406	11,751	0	1	531	1,894
Asparagus - prepared (MT)	1	1	2,970	1,201	0	0	312	187
Tomatoes inc paste & sauce(MT)	66	48	47,713	46,120	8	5	8,166	6,326
Waterchestnuts (MT)	10	14	7,761	10,748	2	4	1,785	2,820
Beans and peas, dried (MT)	24	22	13,248	12,318	8	5	3,943	2,536
Oth vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	207,293	216,265	--	--	40,067	42,856
Sugar and related products (NA)	--	--	341,804	381,099	--	--	65,458	95,097
Sugar - cane and beet (MT)	605	581	234,709	233,977	112	182	39,059	70,302
Molasses - inedible (MT)	834	3,216	23,753	27,240	585	537	7,026	4,513
Confectionery products (MT)	20	40	36,755	71,602	6	6	11,527	11,246
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	111	109	46,587	48,280	18	20	7,846	9,037
Spices (MT)	9	7	13,522	9,370	2	1	2,868	1,771
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	60	70	188,122	211,459	12	13	41,987	41,137
Tobacco - filler (MT)	55	68	179,845	204,501	11	12	40,852	39,986
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	4	2	2,934	1,410	0	0	44	272
Other tobacco (MT)	2	0	5,343	5,549	0	0	1,091	880
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	5,380	5,207	739,077	771,635	919	895	109,897	111,339
Wine (HL)	1,233	1,294	398,991	439,216	155	155	46,559	46,322
Malt beverages (HL)	3,811	3,600	313,946	310,016	735	707	61,036	62,449
Other beverages (HL)	336	314	26,139	22,403	29	33	2,302	2,568
Oilseeds and products (MT)	916	907	437,925	419,627	174	179	77,603	77,330
Oilseeds and oilnuts (MT)	214	257	77,328	94,339	47	41	17,456	18,000
Flaxseed (MT)	114	68	38,530	21,746	30	10	10,464	3,450
Sesameseed (MT)	15	19	12,094	21,953	3	5	2,926	5,876
Other oilseeds and oilnuts (MT)	86	170	26,704	50,640	14	25	4,066	8,673
Oils and waxes-vegetable (MT)	550	514	331,099	303,333	103	116	55,213	55,924
Castor oil (MT)	17	21	15,194	19,075	2	5	1,991	4,956
Coconut oil (MT)	160	238	81,182	108,621	36	47	13,367	19,420
Olive oil (MT)	35	32	55,652	62,967	5	5	7,898	9,651
Palm oil (MT)	74	47	30,940	14,445	25	14	10,343	4,314
Palm kernel oil (MT)	84	67	47,625	31,035	12	11	7,164	4,906
Other oils and waxes-veg. (MT)	181	109	100,506	67,189	23	35	14,450	12,677
Oilcake and meal (MT)	152	136	29,498	21,956	24	22	4,935	3,406
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	0	0	962	103	0	0	136	2
Cotton linters (MT)	4	13	1,372	6,210	0	2	113	1,374
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	64	64	78,702	65,909	22	23	19,983	14,947
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	130,436	134,117	--	--	34,612	34,341
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	62,410	101,177	--	--	12,092	14,357
Other vegetable products (MT)	9	18	32,650	59,109	3	4	11,596	11,542
Selected non-agric. imports (NA)	--	--	4,032,052	4,076,605	--	--	847,116	753,171
Fertilizers (MT) 1/	7,281	6,609	762,740	615,843	1,369	1,359	164,391	111,144
Potassium (MT)	3,216	2,977	287,116	246,502	589	530	52,888	39,631
Nitrogen (MT) 1/	2,950	1,973	371,850	255,794	466	482	81,344	46,491
Phosphate (MT)	950	1,651	76,890	111,818	309	344	29,066	24,480
Mixed and organic fertilizers (MT)	155	0	25,125	0	0	0	0	0
Fish and shellfish(MT)	16,207	587	2,189,561	2,152,781	117	105	413,341	368,416
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	348	404	915,103	1,054,703	86	73	211,687	192,827
Shellfish (MT)	157	151	1,229,797	1,077,012	25	24	195,928	171,046
Fish products, other (MT)	15,703	33	44,661	21,065	7	9	5,726	4,543
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	22	40	145,604	233,580	8	9	53,521	59,385
Fungicides (MT)	4	5	22,561	14,992	1	1	7,083	2,393
Herbicides (MT)	7	5	61,058	52,162	1	1	18,978	12,380
Insecticides (MT)	1	1	10,048	12,760	0	0	3,123	3,206
Other pesticides (MT)	11	28	51,936	153,666	5	6	24,336	41,405
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	896,769	1,034,807	--	--	209,395	206,538
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	231	887	414,808	487,369	126	160	96,328	101,352
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	481,961	547,438	--	--	113,068	105,186
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	37,379	39,594	--	--	6,466	7,689

1/ Excludes quantity data on anhydrous ammonia in 1989/90. All other statistics are preliminary.
 NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns denote none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Dec	Jan	Feb	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
Percent					
Agricultural exports	3,559	3,758	3,503	17,866	4.6
Imports (c.i.f.)	1,972	2,310	2,256	10,593	5.7
Imports (Customs val.)	1,750	2,012	1,991	9,427	5.2
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	1,586	1,449	1,247	7,274	3.0
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,809	1,746	1,512	8,438	3.8
Preliminary data.					

Table 4--Export Share of Production, 1988-89 (Percent).

Commodity	FY 1988	FY 1989
Total 1/	16	18
Wheat	73	79
Rice-milled	53	58
Corn	24	41
Grain sorghum	33	55
Soybeans	55	47
Sunflowerseed	48	38
Tallow-inedible	64	61
Cotton-raw	43	43
Tobacco	48	39
Almonds	62	63
Peanuts	13	17
Walnuts	32	37
Dried beans	28	39
Hops	70	84
Dried prunes	28	41
Apples-fresh	6	6
Poultry	4	5
Pork	1	1
Beef & veal	2	3

1/ Exports as a percentage of gross cash income to farmers. Commodity ratios compare fiscal year export volume with preceding year's production.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Dec	Jan	Feb	FY to date	Change from prev. year
Percent					
Total	3,559	3,758	3,503	17,866	4.6
Live animals	60	42	27	238	-26.0
Meat & preps	222	234	254	1,211	7.4
Dairy prod & eggs	28	25	37	165	-34.2
Animal fats	44	35	32	196	-17.3
Hides & skins	147	157	144	725	6.4
Wheat	362	347	385	1,792	-20.8
Rice	83	82	68	413	8.6
Corn	741	687	528	3,251	25.4
Other feed grains	81	110	97	466	7.3
Animal feeds	289	295	249	1,238	-14.6
Soybeans	407	472	457	2,255	-7.7
Vegetable oils	63	64	66	312	-10.4
Horticult. prods.	459	515	496	2,510	20.5
Cotton & linters	252	323	283	1,219	58.3
Tobacco, unmgf.	114	122	146	681	3.9

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Dec	Jan	Feb	FY to date	Change from prev. year
Percent					
Total	1,750	2,012	1,991	9,427	5.2
Live animals	120	95	97	461	27.6
Meat & preps.	237	240	230	1,146	14.9
Dairy prod, eggs	85	69	66	409	14.2
Grains & feeds	101	85	83	510	12.4
Fruits & nuts	243	336	341	1,408	5.8
Vegetables	176	322	337	1,131	37.4
Vegetable oils	66	55	56	303	-8.4
Wine	77	57	46	439	10.1
Malt beverages	58	58	62	310	-1.3
Coffee	152	177	187	887	-10.4
Cocoa	61	93	74	381	-6.9
Rubber, natural	52	59	52	297	-35.3
Sugar	34	40	70	234	-0.3
Tobacco, unmgf.	42	41	41	211	12.4
Seeds, flowers	52	59	64	301	10.9

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